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**Re: Connecticut GHG Labeling Requirements for 2009 MY Vehicles Offered for Sale or Lease in the State of Connecticut**

Dear Ms. Becker and Mr. Cabaniss:

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) efforts to develop a greenhouse gas (GHG) labeling program for new motor vehicles as required by section 22a-201a of the Connecticut General Statutes.

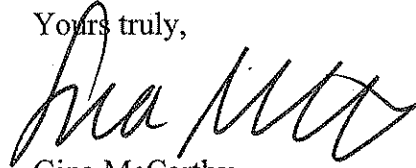
The DEP is under a statutory mandate to have developed a labeling program by October 1, 2007 for the 2009 model year (MY). The DEP did in fact draft regulations proposing to amend its low emission vehicle program to incorporate changes relative to a GHG labeling program proposed by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). CARB is under a similar requirement to adopt a GHG labeling program for the 2009 MY and nearly finalized their regulations. However, an adverse decision by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on CARB's request for a waiver of preemption under section 209(b) of the federal Clean Air Act effectively precluded the adoption of CARB's proposed GHG labeling rules. Although DEP did not formally propose its draft GHG labeling regulations for public comment, EPA's action effected DEP's proposed approach by default.

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DEP is still considering the cumulative effect of these actions on its responsibility to adopt a GHG labeling program for Connecticut. Regardless of the administrative direction DEP ultimately decides to pursue, it is clear that Connecticut will not have a GHG labeling program in effect for the 2009 MY. This letter is to assure you and your members that even though section 22a-201a(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes states that, "No new motor vehicle with a model year of 2009 or later shall be sold or leased in the state without a greenhouse gas emissions label that meets the requirements of this section affixed to it."; the DEP will take no action to enforce this provision unless and until it has finalized a regulatory program to do so.

We will notify you at such time that DEP formalizes its direction on a GHG labeling program. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Tracy Babbidge at (860) 424-3027.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina McCarthy", written over the typed name.

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cc: Commissioner Robert Ward, CTDMV